



Matthew J. Sisson  
Captain, USCG

Captain Sisson is originally from Hermosa Beach, California. He is a 1982 graduate of Chapman College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Communications.

After receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School, Yorktown, VA in 1984 he was assigned to Coast Guard District Eight (rt), New Orleans, Louisiana. He was selected for Naval Flight School and flight training and designated a Naval Aviator in February, 1987. His first aviation assignment was Group/Air Station Astoria, Oregon, where he served in the Operations Department. As an HH65A Aircraft Commander, he was recognized for distinguished performance in aerial rescues at sea and disaster rescue coordination.

In 1991, CAPT Sisson served as Assistant Operations Officer and Instructor Pilot at Air Station New Orleans, Louisiana and earned distinction in helicopter rescues and recovery efforts following Haitian operations and Hurricanes Andrew, Erin, and Opal. In 1996 CAPT Sisson was assigned to Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii where he served as Assistant Operations Officer, Standardization Officer, and served on the Flight Examination Board. In 1999 CAPT Sisson was assigned as Operations Officer at Air Station Houston, Texas, leading the air station's response to over 600 and rescue and law enforcement missions, including leading the air station's response to Tropical Storm Allison in June 2001.

In 2001 CAPT Sisson was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., to Deepwater, Transition Management (G-DTM) as Aviation Transition Manager. In 2005 he was selected as Coast Guard Aviation Program Manager (CG-931), responsible for all major aviation acquisition projects, including the Maritime Patrol Aircraft (HC144A), the C130J, C130H, HH-60J, HH65C, Aviation Armed Use of Force, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), totaling over \$1 billion. Captain Sisson is a graduate of the Naval War College (CCE) and holds a Masters in Diplomacy from Norwich University. He completed his Level III Program manager's course at Defense Acquisitions University and is a Department of Homeland Security Level III Program Manager.

His military awards include the Air Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals with Operational Device, five Coast Guard Achievement Medals with Operational Device, the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous other commendations.

CAPT Sisson is married to the former Christy Wade May of New Orleans, Louisiana. They have two children, a son, Miles, and a daughter, Madeline.